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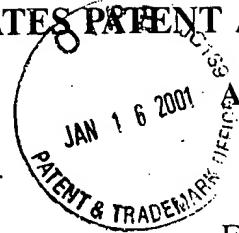
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) to make special the instant application. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the required fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). This petition is submitted on the grounds that the present invention relates to the treatment of cancer. *See* MPEP § 708.02(X).

Statement According to MPEP §708.02 Explaining How the Invention

Contributes to the Diagnosis, Treatment, or Prevention of Cancer

The present invention relates, in part, to a tumor-associated antigen (TAA), such as 5T4 antigen, useful for eliciting an anti-tumor immunotherapeutic response in subjects. The invention further provides that, in immunotherapeutic approaches to treating cancer, a successful therapeutic outcome depends on a number of factors, one of which is the ability to elicit an antibody response.

The invention shows that immunization of subjects with 5T4 results in a successful immunotherapeutic response. In particular, immunization with 5T4 has been shown to elicit an antibody response. Accordingly, the invention relates to the treatment of cancer.

Respectfully submitted.

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